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PVT. SCOTT TONIGHT

CANADIAN VETERAN WILL GIVE ADDRESS AT COURT HOUSE

HAS A THRILLING STORY

Big Patriotic Meeting Is Under Auspices of Four-Minute Men and Is Free to All Who Care to Come

Maryville will have the opportunity tonight of hearing some first hand information about the great world war, when Pvt. John A. Scott, a Canadian veteran and a prisoner in German camps and coal mines, will speak at a patriotic meeting at the court house at 8:30 o'clock. Private Scott's address will be free, the meeting not being for the purpose of raising or pledging money.

Private Scott's address is under the auspices of the Four-Minute Men organization and he is accompanied here today by L. L. Leonard of St. Louis, chairman of the state organization.

The Four-Minute Men is a patriotic organization of some thirty-five thousand members in all parts of the United States. They are the accredited representatives of the United States government and are entrusted with the duty of communicating to the people by speeches at public gatherings in moving picture shows, theatres, school houses, churches and the like information concerning the various government war activities.

The United States government releases much information to the public through the Four-Minute Men organization, which is not entrusted to the usual publicity mediums, such as newspapers, magazines and circulars. Facts concerning German propaganda, conditions in German prison camps and matters of like character are frequently disclosed to the people in this way and it is understood that much interesting information along this line will be made public at the meeting tonight.

The primary object of the meeting is to acquaint the public with the Four-Minute Men organization, to make known the character of the work they are doing and to enable Chairman Leonard to get in closer touch with the local membership, which includes all the members of the Nodaway county bar, the ministers of the various churches and others. This organization work, however, will be taken up at a short meeting held after the public mass meeting.

The story which Private Scott will tell is intensely interesting. He was serving with the Canadian troops in the battle of Ypres when the Germans used gas for the first time during the war. Thousands of English troops were asphyxiated in this gas attack and Private Scott, already severely wounded, was rendered unconscious and captured by the Germans while in an unconscious condition. He was confined in German prison camps, coal mines, etc., for two and a half years, enduring unthinkable hardships and indignities, until he was finally able to bribe a German prison guard by giving him some soap out of his Red Cross parcel. After escaping he made his way across Germany into Holland.

The mass meeting tonight is not for the purpose of raising or pledging money. No admission will be charged and no collection taken up. Everyone is urged to attend the meeting, absolutely free, to hear what the great Four-Minute Men organization is doing and to learn more about the things our country is fighting against.

DRUNKEN JOYRIDERS FINED

Iowa Couple Full of Bad Whiskey Undertook to Celebrate On Their Home to Iowa

A pair of joyriders who had absorbed an over supply of bad St. Joe whiskey undertook to put the finishing touches to their debauch in Maryville last night. They should have known better. Also they should have kept a weather eye open for Officer Purl Edwards, but their weather optics being closed by booze they were unable to operate, consequently they had to be assisted to police headquarters where they were asked to pay fines of $5 and $10 respectively. They gave their names as Mildred Jones and J. C. Wilson and "registered" from Iowa.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

DRAFT BOARDS ARE TO MEET

Conference at St. Joseph Next Monday to Discuss Draft Problems —Uniformity Is Desired

A meeting of selective service boards of northern Missouri, eastern Kansas, southeastern Nebraska and southern Iowa is announced to be held at St. Joseph next Monday when problems arising out of daily board work will be discussed, that the way may be paved for greater efficiency and more uniformity of handling the draft work.

There will be a separate meeting of physician members of boards to discuss matters of special interest to them, including an effort for co-operation in a campaign against social disease.

Edward G. Frazier, of the Atchison County (Mo.) Board, was made chairman of the committee on general arrangements, and Dr. William E. Pentz, of St. Joseph, was selected as chairman of the committee of physician members of Boards.

Much interest is manifested in the meeting. It is to be held in the U. S. Court Room, Federal Building.

RURAL SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY

Supt. Cooper Urges the Grounds and Buildings Be Placed in Good Condition — Two Days for Fair

In a letter to clerks and rural school boards Supt. Bert Cooper suggests that Saturday, August 25, be made clean-up day and that buildings and grounds be put in good condition before the opening of school the first week in September. Other matters for the good of the schools suggested by Supt. Cooper in his letter are as follows:

It is our desire to bring the schools of Nodaway county to the highest possible standard and to do this requires the cooperation of school officers, patrons, teachers and pupils. We have had that cooperation in nearly every instance for the past three years and the schools have made Nodaway county famous.

The school grounds and school buildings should be put in good condition before the opening of school. The grass and weeds should be mowed and removed from the grounds.

I hope before that day the board will look carefully over the toilets. They should be cleaned and painted. I would recommend that they be painted both inside and out.

The board should provide crayon, erasers, fuel, brooms, dusters, water containers, drinking cups, wash basins, towels, soap and other things needed to provide for the health and comfort of the children. The well should be cleaned and good, pure, wholesome drinking water provided. Much sickness is caused by the use of impure drinking water and we can't be too careful this year.

I suggest that you open your school Monday, Sept. 2, unless there is some good reason for opening on another date. Since we have a uniform course of study for the schools, if the schools open on the same date that gives uniform work in the schools of the county. If teacher and patrons desire, school may be dismissed Thursday and Friday for the Fair, making up time later.

LLOYD BOOHER IS BETTER

Physicians Feel That He Is Now On the Road to Recovery

There has been a change for the better in the last day or two in the condition of Lloyd W. Booher, who was operated upon at the Sisters hospital last week, and as a consequence his physicians and nurses feel that he will with no mishap soon be on the road to slow recovery. His physicians state that should he recover it will be the better part of a year before he will be able to resume business.

The improvement began to manifest itself on Thursday of this week, at which time the crisis came—and his constitution stood the test. His friends are deeply pleased over the fact that he now has a chance for recovering—which was at first not thought possible when he was operated upon.—St. Joseph Observer.

Will Return From Colorado.

Mrs. Will J. Montgomery and Miss Ruth Montgomery will return Monday from a six weeks stay at Estes Park, Denver and other places in Colorado.

Home From Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Littler returned last night from a two months' stay at Colorado Springs, Colo.

'GOT' HIS FIRST HUN

MARYVILLE BOY TELLS OF FACING GERMAN BULLETS

HIS 7 COMPANIONS FELL

In Charge of a Squad Pvt. Harry P. Gray, of Marines, Was Only One to Come Out Without Wound

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. G. F. Gray, R. F. D. 4, dated July 12, Pvt. Harry P. Gray of the marines writes:

"We have just received thanks from our general for the work we did during the time we were up on the front, having been there about a month. We certainly did have some experience, but I came through with nothing worse than a scratch on my leg from a machine gun bullet. I had charge of a squad when I went in and when we came out nine days later for a short rest, I was the only one left, the other seven had been badly wounded. The last time we were in my company didn't lose but one man. My pal has just returned from the hospital, where he has been for a month and a half. He had a chance to go back to the states, but asked to come back to active duty, so you see they all want to get a whack at the Huns. I don't think I'll be back for some time. By the way, I have "got" my first German—an open shot with a Springfield at about sixty feet. Did it the first time we were up, that is the first hitch we put in. I would have got one a few minutes before, too, but we had orders not to shoot, as we believed they were going to surrender. But when they opened up on us, I picked one and had the satisfaction of knowing he will never bother anybody any more. I got several other pretty good shots, but that was the only one that I was absolutely sure of. Hoping for the day when Germany shall have been wiped off the earth. I remain, your loving son.

PRIV. HARRY P. GRAY,
74th Co., 6th Reg. U. S. Marines.

PASTOR TO KENTUCKY CAMP

Rev. T. H. Wiles, Baptist Minister, to Begin Training as Army Chaplain In September

Rev. T. H. Wiles, pastor of the Baptist church in this city, who has been released from his charge to enter army service, arrived home yesterday for a few days visit. He will leave Monday for Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., to enter training as army chaplain. Mr. Wiles has been away from Maryville for the past two months doing chautauqua work. In the meantime, he enlisted, passed his examination and will go into training early in September. Mrs. Wiles and their small daughter will make their home at Marshall with Mrs. Wiles' mother, during her husband's absence.

SEVERE STORM AT WESTBORO

High Winds and Heavy Rains Wreck Chautauqua Tent at Westboro Last Night

A severe storm with extremely high winds and heavy rain swept over the eastern part of Atchison county last night and did considerable damage, breaking trees, demolishing small buildings and in some places beating down corn and grain.

At Westboro, where a chautauqua company was giving an entertainment, the tent was blown down and the dressing tent torn to pieces. A big crowd was in the tent at the time. Several were slightly injured by falling poles, but none were severely hurt.

In the middle west and northwest part of Nodaway county the storm was quite severe, but no heavy damage was done.

Charged With Common Assault.

Sam Hoffman of near Graham was arrested by Sheriff Dowden this morning on information furnished by the prosecuting attorney, charging common assault. On arraignment before Justice W. L. Johnson he pleaded not guilty and was held for trial at the September term of court. Bond of $200 was furnished with Jesse Hoffman as security.

WANTED—A girl to take care of telephones and news stand. 358 Jitney Station.

PLAN THE NEW DRAFT

DRAFT BOARD GETS ADVANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRY

TO NAME REGISTRARS

Volunteers Will Be Asked to Do the Work—More Men Expected to Be Listed Than In the First Draft

The draft board has received advance instructions for the registration of men subject to the draft in the event the proposed extension of age limits from 18 to 45 is passed by congress and notification that the new age limits will be effective soon. With Dr. Frank Wallis, member of the board, absent from the city, the work of preparing for the new registration will begin the first of next week.

The registration, which probably will be held early in September, will be conducted along lines similar to that held in June, 1917, according to the letter, which was from Lieut. Col. James H. McCord, chief executive of the draft in this state. A registration executive will be named in each state by the governor and will be under the direction of the governor. The present exemption boards will have charge of the registration in each locality and the enrollment will be held at the various voting places as was the case in the first registration.

One registrar for each eighty men will be named by the local boards and an effort to obtain volunteers for this work will be made. One and one-third times as many registrars as used in the first registration will be required. Where volunteers cannot be obtained compensation will be arranged for by the government. Registrars must be American citizens and must reside in the precincts in which they act. Interpreters also will be needed to explain the rules to foreign born citizens.

More men are expected to register in the new enrollment than at the first, according to the letter from Col. McCord, but it will run off smoother on account of the growth of the system.

COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

Men Named by Mass Meeting Will Stick On Job Until Definite Conclusions Are Arrived At

A meeting of the citizens' committee of seven named at the mass meeting Thursday night when city finances were discussed, was called for this afternoon, when preliminary steps will be taken looking toward the formulation of some plan whereby the city debt may be paid and to investigate the possibilities of securing a more progressive form of government for the city.

Members of the committee said today that not having organized and not knowing just what legal obstacles they might have to contend with, that any advance publicity as to what action would be taken would be mere guess work. Members of the committee say they will stick at the job until definite conclusions are arrived at in both matters in which the taxpayers are vitally interested. Another meeting will likely be held tomorrow.

541 TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

516 In Army and 25 In Marines—75 Were Killed In Action and 111 Were Missing In Action

Washington, Aug. 10.—Army casualty lists today contained five hundred and sixteen names. Sixty-four were killed in action, one hundred and two were severely wounded, one hundred and two were wounded, degree undetermined, twenty-eight died of wounds, three from disease, two from airplane accident, four from accident and other causes, and two hundred and eleven were missing in action.

The marine list contained twenty-five casualties. Eleven were killed in action, five died of wounds and nine were severely wounded.

Still in Hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Miller received a letter from her son, Harley, this week, saying he was still confined to a hospital in France, recovering from a severe case of diptheria. He has been sick for several weeks.—Burlington Junction Post.

ALLIES HAVE THE GERMANS GOING

THE OFFICIAL VOTE

COURT IN SESSION YESTERDAY CAST UP TUESDAY'S RETURNS

FOLK GOT COUNTY BY 104

While Booher Won Over Spratt by 590 —McCaffrey 245 Over Cook and Blackford's Majority Was 472

The county court in session yesterday cast up the vote of Tuesday's primary election. There were only a few changes from what was in Wednesday's Democrat-Forum. Only one absentee primary ballot was received by the court, being from W. M. Oakerson, chief clerk in the office of the state superintendent of schools.

The official vote of this county for each candidate follows:

Democratic Ticket.

For senator—Joseph W. Folk, 764; X. P. Wilfley, 660; John C. Higdon, 32; Folk's plurality, 104.

For state superintendent—Uel W. Lamkin, 1,555.

For judge of supreme court—W. W. Graves, 1,556.

For congress — Charles F. Booher, 1,017; W. E. Spratt, 427; Robert I. Young, 48. Booher's plurality, 590.

For representative—William Job 1,549.

For presiding judge—W. M. Blackford, 980; S. H. Williams, 508; Blackford's majority, 472.

For county court (north district)—George Hepburn, 574.

For county court (south district)—Dwight Davis, 980.

For county clerk—Fred Yeomans, 1,529.

For prosecuting attorney—Charles F. McCaffrey, 867; Ellis G. Cook, 622; McCaffrey's majority, 245.

For recorder—Dan R. Baker, 1,552.

For probate judge—Jesse F. Robertson, 1,564.

For circuit clerk—Henry Westfall, 1,560.

Republican Ticket.

For senator—Jay L. Torrey, 78; Selden P. Spencer, 567; Spencer's majority, 489.

For state superintendent—Samuel A. Baker, 358; Gus H. Boehm 72; Baker's majority, 286.

For judge supreme court—James T. Neville, 516.

For county clerk—Fred W. Smith, 521.

For recorder—C. L. Gann, 526.

For judge probate court—R. L. McDougal, 520.

Dr. E. Crowson of Parnell was elected as a member of the Democratic county committee from Independence township.

For the Republican county committee A. J. Roof was elected from Independence township; R. W. Grimes from Jefferson and E. D. French from Monroe.

Each county committee will meet Tuesday for the purpose of organizing. It is probable the Republican committee will select candidates for the vacancies on their ticket. It is rumored that the Republicans are urging Henry Russell of Hopkins to become a candidate for presiding judge of the county court.

48 GERMAN PLANES DOWNED

115 German and British Machines Were Sent Down In One Day's Fighting In the Air

London, Aug. 10.—One hundred and fifteen German and British airplanes were downed in one day's fighting in the air. Five German observation balloons were shot down in flames, according to an official communique from the aviation department today. Forty-eight German machines were destroyed and seven others were driven down out of control. Fifty British machines were reported missing.

Frank Armstrong Wins.

Frank W. Armstrong of Trimble, Mo., was nominated by the Democrats of Clinton county as their candidate for probate judge of that county. Mr. Armstrong is well known here, leaving here a few years ago to take up banking business at Trimble.

FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE OF MONTDIDIES AND THE SHELLING OF CHAULNES JUNCTION, THE HUNS ARE IN RETREAT ALONG THE WHOLE PICARDY FRONT— PUSH IN 15 MILES

MORE THAN 24,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

SINCE JULY IS THE NUMBER NOW TOTALS MORE THAN 57,000—THE FRENCH ATTACKING ON 16-MILE FRONT ADVANCED FOUR MILES IN FIRST SIX HOURS — TANKS LEAD ADVANCE

CANADIAN CAVALRY HARASSES FLEEING TEUTONS

An Entire Troop Train Carrying German Reinforcements Was Captured By British This Morning—Advance Is Still In Progress and Has Developed Into One of the Biggest Actions of the Great World War

London, Aug. 10.—The Allied advance is still in progress and has developed into one of the biggest actions of the whole war, the enemy being in retreat at almost every point on the entire Picardy front. This morning an entire troop train filled with German reinforcements was captured.

London, Aug. 10.—The German retreat has continued over the whole Picardy front with the enemy being bombarded with their own cannon captured by the Allies in the advance. More than 24,000 German prisoners have been captured since the Anglo-French counter offensive began two days ago before Amiens on the Picardy front, bringing the total number of Germans captured since July 18 to more than 57,000.

The presence of American troops in the drive was made known for the first time today when the British war office announced that the Americans and English had achieved success between the Somme and Ancre rivers, putting the Germans to rout and capturing many prisoners, big guns and vast quantities of supplies.

The Allied troops have entered Montdidier on the south end of the Picardy front, it was learned this afternoon, while the French attacked on a sixteen mile front this morning between Montdidier and the Oise river, advancing four miles in the first six hours.

The British have captured Chippilly from the Germans and the cavalry and tanks have pushed up two miles beyond Chaulnes. The deepest progress made by the Allies is now fifteen miles. Morlancourt and the high ground southeast of the town was captured by the British and Americans during the night.

British airmen sank a German destroyer eight miles northwest of Zebruggee, the admiralty reported this morning.

The fall of Montdidier has forced the Germans back out of gun range to the Paris-Amiens railway. The Chaulnes junction is being shelled by the Allies and the Canadian cavalry is hampering the removal of German stores, great quantities of which have been concentrated in this region.

With Chaulnes now useless to the Germans, developments may force an enemy retreat all the way. The infantry advance over a twenty mile front is twelve miles.

All of the town of Montdidier, it is learned this afternoon, has not been cleared of the Germans who are still fighting the advance of the Allies.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The Allies have the enemy going at every point and now is the time to keep him going. This is no time to talk about the war being over rather it is time to hit the Germans hard and to keep on hitting them, said General March, chief of staff, at his weekly conference with newspaper men. General March made this plain, explaining why all possible man power should be employed against the Germans. General March declares the Allies everywhere are on the offensive and completely dominate the situation. General March again praised in the highest terms the great work of the Rainbow Division and stated that there was now in France close to one and a half million troops.

AMERICANS TAKE FISMETTE.

Paris, Aug. 10.—American troops have captured the village of Fismette on the north bank of the Vesle river, a short distance northwest of Fismes. With the village they took one hundred prisoners.

Washington, Aug. 10.—In a communique received late tonight, General Pershing reports the situation along the Vesle as unchanged.

The communique quotes from a letter found on the battlefield written by

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THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; cooler in the northeast portion tonight.

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MEMBER MISSOURI PRESS ASSOCIATION

Bayoneted—by Rookie.

Harry Hamilton, son of M. G. Hamilton of this place, is in the hospital with a bayonet wound in his side—but not the result of a Boche's work. Harry wrote his father Tuesday that his company was on parade and when the order was given to "present arms" a green hand at the job, who happened to be next to Harry, swung his gun around to position and in doing so stuck the bayonet between Harry's rib. The wound was not serious but quite painful and Harry was taken to the hospital—Burlington Junction Post.

BREWERIES BUSY—STATE DRY.

Omaha, Aug. 10.—"Bone dryy" conditions have not seriously impaired the values of the five brewery plants of Omaha. Despite the fact that the state is dry, they are earning a comfortable return on their investment by the manufacture of non-intoxicating beverages. The beverages are all meeting with popular sale. Not quite the number of men employed in former times are employed under the new regime.

Gone to Colorado.

J. A. Speer left Tuesday evening for an extended visit in Colorado. Mr. Speer recently sold his 330 acre farm north of Burlington Junction and is now looking for a location. He received $50,000 for the place, which is over $150 an acre. Clyde Walker of Clarinda is the buyer. — Burlington Junction Post.

Miss Faris Leaves.

Miss Orpha Faris of Clarksdale, who has been the guest of Miss Willetta Kittell, went to Grant City last night for a few days visit before returning home.

John M. Murrin, Mrs. G. R. Cornelius, Judge and Mrs. John M. Dawson will spend Sunday in Clarinda, Ia.

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SEES PERSHING IN PARIS

A Letter From Harold Ambrose to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rickenbrode

A bit of the fine spirit of the American soldiers which has been a marvel to the Allied troops is shown in the following interesting letter written to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rickenbrode of this city, by their nephew, Harold W. Ambrose, now with the 105th Aero squadron, Aerial Armament Division, France. The young man is a resident of Kansas City and was in army training at Camp Jackson, S. C., before going abroad.

Somewhere in France,
July 18th, 1918.

Dear Uncle and Aunt:

I am so busy these days that I really have but little time for writing, although I think of you all back in good old U. S. A. often. There are of course so many new things to see here that I like to take advantage of the little leisure time that I have. I have moved to four different camps since our arrival in France, but at last think I am located at this place for a while to come. Shortly after our arrival our old company was split up and I was one of a few to be detached from the ordnance and am now attached to an aviation squadron. We are located at one of their supply depots and doing ordnance work, or at least more nearly so than any place we have been before. We were glad for the change and to be connected with the aviation. We have a fine bunch of fellows to work with and plenty of work to do. Of course we miss some of the good friends we had for so long in our old organization, but in the army it is easy to get acquainted and I am sure there are nice fellows here. We have had the privilege of visiting Paris several times, which, of course, we like to take advantage of wherever we have the opportunity. I was in Paris yesterday and saw many places and things I should have learned in my French history that I did not learn. I saw General Pershing, and have seen President Poincare and General Joffre on other occasions. Last Sunday was a big celebration day for the French—their Independence day, you know. I was in Paris and saw their parades, etc. It sure seems marvelous the way these people keep up their spirits and the enthusiasm of such a celebration in spite of the extreme suffering and sacrifice they are enduring. Nowhere, I guess, in France is this more noticeable than in Paris. I have visited the Eiffel Tower, "La Notre Dame de Paris" and L'Opera since I have been here and want to take in some more when I have the chance. I read about all of these places when I took French in school but never dreamed of getting to see them. This is sure some experience I am having, and to be in the best paid, best fed and best equipped army in the world all together makes me glad to be here and do the little I can to whip hell out of the boches, and believe me, it is coming. But as for news, we get but very little and not any sooner than you folks do in the States. Of course, our mail is very muchly censored, so I cannot write nearly all I would like to * * * We are compelled to sign our full name and address to every letter, so you will pardon the seeming formality.

Your nephew
Pvt. Harold W. Ambrose.

GETTING A GREAT EDUCATION

Edison Blagg Writes His Experiences Are Worth a Million Dollars

Edison Blagg, with the 7th U. S. Engineers in France, in a letter to his wife writes of some interesting observations of the French people and their ways. The letter in part is as follows:

"In France, July 12, 1918.

"We have been issued some new clothing lately, raincoats and jerkins. The former are quite dressy, also short, coming only to the knees. The jerkins are made of leather and are like an issue blouse except they have no collar, sleeves or pockets. The French people consider it bad form to take a drink of water. I have never seen one of them take a drink of water since I came to France. It is either 'vin rouge'—they drink most of this—or 'vin blanc.' The latter is bad but the 'vin rouge' is worse Either one tastes just like our cider vinegar and how they manage to like it is more than I can see. They even carry wine to the fields with them just as we at home carry water. People in this section work in the fields from morning until night, but they don't seem to accomplish much. They have several lunches during the day and this takes a good deal of time. The so-called 'lunch' is generally a bottle of wine and a loaf of bread, but they go to the trouble of spreading a cloth for the meal. The shoeing of a horse is a regular family affair. It takes about three men to hold up a foot while the fourth man nails on the shoe. A Frenchman brought over a pair of horses the other day and asked Manner if he would pull their shoes off. Manner got a pair of pincers and jerked the shoes off in about two minutes. You should have seen the Frenchman and those who came with him—of all the pointing, motioning and gabbing you ever saw—they thought Manner was a whirlwind for speed. The Americans have certainly shown the Allies speedier ways of doing things than they ever knew before. I have been told that General Pershing said in an address the other day that it was 'heaven, hell or Hoboken by Christmas.' I think that if I make either by that time I will be going some. There are soldiers who have been here a year who have not seen a tenth as much of the country as I have in three months. All the soldiers in France are not permitte dto wear service chevrons after six months service only those who have seen six months serive in the zone of advance. We have two pets now, a squirrel and a crow. The squirrel is quite tame and is as cute as can be, cuddles up to a fellow like a real live baby. I don't think quite so much of the bird as he is troubled with 'cooties.' A person cannot possibly realize the advantages, opportunities and luxuries that are afforded at home until placed in a position similar to mine. I am getting a million dollars worth of education out of this war. I'll know how to appreciate things if I ever get out of it."

OMER P. FISHER WRITES

Is Within Hearing Distance of the Big Guns on the French Front

The following letters to his sister, Miss Mary Fisher, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Fisher of R. F. D. 6, Maryville, have been received from Omer P. Fisher:

Somewhere In France
July 15, 1918.

Dear Sister: — Was glad to hear from you. The mail is rather slow here and it takes a long time to get a letter from home, and I guess longer to go from here. I returned last night from (censored), a little town nearby that was very interesting. I saw the ruins of an old fortress built B. C. and some old castles built in 1440. One of the boys had a letter from Capt. E. S. Cook. He is now in Italy a captain in the Q. M. C. I have not seen Jerry for more than a week. He was well when I saw him. Yesterday was the French national holiday, the same as our Fourth of July. Our regimental ball team played the engineer's team on the Fourth and got badly beaten. It was some game. We will have our first pay day tonight and will get two months pay in French money that will fill all our pockets full. I will draw 121 francs and have loaned 77 out, which I will get. With love to all,

Your brother,
Pvt. Omer P. Fisher.
Co. B, 356th Inft., A. E. F.

A letter written June 30 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fisher, says: "France is sure some place; rock houses with roofs of the same material; we are now located within hearing distance of the big guns. I go on provost guard tomorrow for three days. The boys from home are all well and feeling fine. On the French farms oxen and horses are worked together in tandem style and in plowing they work three and four, with the horses in the lead. One horse wagons and lots of carts are used. Houses, barn and sheds are all built together with little narrow streets. The French people treat the American soldiers fine. Saw Charley Allen in town today and he looks fine.

Omer P. Fisher.

KNOCKOUT WHEN GANG ARRIVES

Roy David Writes He Believes Sherman Must Have Been Optimist

Mrs. G. B. Holmes is in receipt of the following letter from Corporal Roy David, a brother of Mrs. S. T. Gile, 309 East Edwards, street, who is with the 26th Infty. in France. The letter was written on a blank leaf of a Frenchman's old ledger, dating back to 1873, which David found among the effects in the house in which they are billeted. David enlisted at the first call and has been in France about a year.

"France, July 4.

"My Dear Friends, the Holmes Family:—Perhaps you will pardon my delay in answering your letter but my own lethargy and the fortunes of war form a combination that is hard to overcome. However, this morning I spied an old French ledger with some blank pages and resolved to atone for my sins.

"I noticed the old Frenchman had checked off all his accounts. Perhaps he has already gone to square his own. What his business was "I dinna know," but his books show a fair trade with honest people. The honesty and integrity of these people proclaims itself even in ruins. A common people with a common lot. The gothic church with its peeping steeple is the axis around which the life of the village revolves. Not four months since each man tilled his little plot, each man sowed his crops. Now all is in ruins. Nothing is left but the crops and no one to reap them. The little rooster still holds his own on the steeple of the church. Every church in France has a rooster above the cross on the steeple. But that is all left now; the rest has been blown to bits. All this can be seen through the shell holes in the merchant's house and even now the jar of the heavy guns shake the plaster down on my letter. Oftentimes while going through or stopping in one of these little towns I think of Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village,' and then I conclude with thinking Sherman was an optimist when he said war was hell. Barring the fact that I am dirty, lousy, ragged, tired, I am feeling fine. We are out pointing the Huns on every move and hope to deliver a knockout as soon as the gang gets over here.

Corporal Roy David.
26th Infantry.

Bugler Conklin Going Over.

In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Jas. Conklin, Bugler Herschel Conklin writes from Camp Merritt, N. J., saying he is well and that his company is expecting to go over seas at once. He says he will be glad to get across, for "there is nothing like it."

Honey In Place of Sugar.

The simplest way of using honey is to serve it like jam or syrup with bread, breakfast cereals, boiled rice, pancakes and other mild flavored foods. As ordinarily used on bread, an ounce of honey "spreads" as many slices as an ounce of jam. When it it is to be used in the place of syrup some people dilute it by mixing it with hot water, which has the effect of making it not only less sweet but also easier to pour.

Honey, or a mixture of honey and sugar syrup can be satisfactorily used for sweetening lemonade and other fruit drinks. Syrup of any kind is more convenient for this purpose than undissolved sugar, and when charged water is to be added is has a further advantage, since it has less tendency to expel the gas. It is the custom of many housewives to keep a syrup for this purpose, particularly in hot weather, and variety can be secured by occasionally using honey.

The fact that honey consists principally of sugar and water and is slightly acid suggests that it is a suitable substitute for molasses in cooking. As a matter of fact, it can be used in the place of molasses in all forms of breads, muffins and cakes, and makes a more delicately flavored product. It contains less acid than molasses, however, and so requires less soda when it is substituted for molasses in recipes which do not include sour milk or other acid.

Forrest Knox Enlists.

Forrest (Mike) Knox of St. Joseph will arrive in Maryville tonight to spend a few days visiting. He will leave Tuesday for Kansas City where he enters the motor mechanics department of the Rahe automobile school. Young Knox has been employed by the Swift Packing company in St. Joseph the past year.

HER CONFESSIONS

By CLARA MORRIS.

One must never urge a woman to confess herself; if you do she will evade you, and bury the truth out of sight. It is her priceless treasure. She will not be robbed of it; she will not sell it; she will not barter it. But if you are an attentive and sympathetic listener she will confer it upon you as an Eastern queen confers a principality upon a favorite vassal. Ophelia had chosen to confess to me. How well I remember her words!

The First Confession.—You know my intense nature. You know I absorb love as the sand absorbs water. It is my meat and drink. Without it I perish a thousand times. I have had one day of divine ecstacy. Listen! It is Easter. The weather is exceptionally fine. I have a dress which is a miracle of handiwork, and fits to perfection. I have parasol and hat to match. My entire outfit is an inspiration. I know that nothing is lacking. I feel the exquisite physical joy that one feels when she is graceful; she cannot help it. It is the enthusiasm of conscious muscles that have attained perfect development. I feel religious. I cannot stop within doors on such a day. I resolve to attend church, and to attend the Church of St. Anthony of the Desert. As I enter the vestibule I hear the throb of the organ; I hear the click of my boot heels on the blue tiles; I am conscious of the presence of several gentlemen who regard me with interest as I pass; I feel their eyes upon my cheek and between my shoulders when my back is turned. I bow my head and enter the sanctuary; an usher leads me to a pew near the altar.

Enter Very Rev. ——, from vestry; prays devoutly in most becoming robes; all pray devoutly; more organ; flaxen-haired choristers with rosebud mouths look like chanting cherubs. The robust bass does lovely solo; he always sings with tremendous passion and stirs me up—sings hymn of praise to his Maker as if it were a romance de l'amour to his mistress. Result: I feel madly in love with somebody; don't know who. I sit and dream to music.

Enter some one, who sits near me. I am provoked that he, she or it should dare to disturb my delicious reverie. A low voice whispers, "Pardon me!" I turn suddenly, and, behold, the hero I've been sighing for all these weary, empty, and unprofitable months is at my side, offering with graceful elegance his prayer book. I had rather it were his hand and heart, for I am surely in love on the instant—splendid figure, divine mouth, beautiful hands.

The Second Confession.—I knew that I should meet him again, and I do. I say to myself, "There is the man for me to marry—heaven has sent him! I am unutterably grateful!" It is again of a Sunday. I go out for a stroll, after tea—of course, escorted. We reach the pretty park not far away. My mind drifts from my company. I am thinking of the adored one, and how easy it will be for me to know him; so easy that I would rather not hasten it by any act of mine, but leave it to chance, and enjoy drifting toward the love in store for me. As we stroll a tender twilight comes on. A trolley approaches; we resolve to enter it. I enter. Can I be mistaken—can I be mistaken? Yes, 'tis he! Ye gods and blessed fates! my hero again! How we look at each other. I alight; he watches to see which house I enter. All the while I am looking my best; I cannot do otherwise under the circumstances—it's no effort; it is inspirational.

The Last Confession.—One of those irritating days when it is impossible to sit still or to do anything for five consecutive minutes. There are children in the house—meddlesome, troublesome children, who quarrel at frequent intervals and drive me mad. I go into the street hoping to find rest, or at least momentary relief. I have seen him but twice. Down the street I see carriages, funeral coaches, and a plumed hearse. My heart stands still. I am dragged against my will toward the house of mourning. I enter unobserved—I will see who is in the coffin. Three clergymen conduct the solemn ceremonials. I wait through all the hollow forms. I stand a moment over the coffin; I feel that I have buried all that is worth living for in the casket, with that exquisite marble face. I stand and shiver in dumb rage. Some one takes me gently by the arm and leads me aside. I choke as I approach the door! I return into the world! It is an absolute blank to me. I shall never again care for anyone or anything. For he is dead and gone.

Fat and Lean.

An Ohio farmer told his son that he should have charge of the pigs from that time forth, that he must feed them twice a day—morning and evening. A few weeks later, the pigs set up a terrible squealing throughout the night. After this had occurred several nights and the father's sleep was disturbed thereby, he questioned his son as to the cause of so much squealing and tumult.

In mute finger language, the son explained that he had purposely refrained from feeding the pigs at night. Naturally, his father grew indignant on hearing this, and, stamping his foot, demanded the cause of such willful neglect. The son, not in the least affected by his father's anger, replied:

"Well, you gave the management of the pigs over to me, didn't you? And I'm going to see that we have what I think is good side-meat for the winter—a streak of fat and a streak of lean!"

DO IT NATURE'S WAY— DRY IN THE SUN AND AIR

Dry and put by for a rainy day.

It's hard to beat nature's way—save by drying.

Beat them at their own game. Germany has over 1,200 commercial drying plants—let's put a plant in every home in America.

The apartment house drier—an electric fan and a window screen.

Sun drying is effective for any region in which a rainless season of bright sunshine and high temperature regularly occurs. The process is simplicity itself: Where small quantities of products are to be handled all that is necessary by way of preparation of the drying floor is to spread sheets of clean canvas, heavy wrapping paper or muslin upon the roof of a building or upon the floor of a veranda having a southern exposure, laying strips of lath or boards upon the edges of the sheets to keep them in place to form a border. The location selected should be well shielded from wind-borne dust.

As the fruit is prepared, spread it thinly upon the canvas or muslin, taking care not to crush soft berries by unnecessary handling, and cover with a sheet of mosquito netting, held in place by strips of lath to keep insects off the material. For handling larger quantities, trays will be necessary, but these may be made of light boards taken from packing boxes and nailed to frames made of lath. The bottom of the tray should be solid in order to prevent loss of dried material through the cracks, and may be covered with a sheet of muslin or with wrapping paper to insure greater cleanliness.

When the tray is filled a piece of mosquito netting or cheesecloth, stretched tightly across the top of the frame so that it does not rest upon the fruit and fastened in place by tacks will keep insects away from the material. Such trays should be light in order that they may be readily moved from place to place by one person. They are a necessity in districts in which heavy dews occur at night or in which there are occasional showers during the drying season, as they permit the partially dried fruit to be conveniently stacked at night to protect from dew or to be quickly brought under cover in case of rain. When trays are stacked light wooden strips should be placed between them to hold them apart sufficiently to allow a good circulation of air over the contents.

The Simplicity of Fan Drying.

In the household which possesses an electric fan the drying of small quantities of material can be easily done, provided that special care be given the preliminary treatment of the products. All that is necessary is to make trays of wire screening, with one end of each or preferably both ends open. The materials to be dried are spread thinly upon trays, which are stacked one upon another with the open ends turned toward the fan and covered with cheesecloth, and the fan is placed close to the end of the stack and run at moderate speed, thus driving a vigorous current of air over the material. Drying occurs much more rapidly at the end nearest the fan, hence the stack must be reversed after four to six hours and again after a longer interval.

All materials requiring blanching that are to be fan-dried should be blanched in steam or boiling water or serious deterioration is likely to occur. Also since the rapid movement of air over the product has a tendency to dry out the surfaces of the pieces while the inner central portions are still too moist, fan-dried material should be placed in baking tins and placed in the oven of a warm stove to be finished. The door of the stove should be left ajar and the fire so regulated that the temperature is held at 150 to 160 degrees F. for two to three hours, after which it should be raised to 180 degrees F. for a minute or two in order to destroy any eggs of fruit insects which may have been deposited in the material while exposed in the drier. After this treatment the product may be placed in permanent containers but should be examined from time to time and returned to the oven for a short redrying in case any parts of it appear to be too moist to keep well.

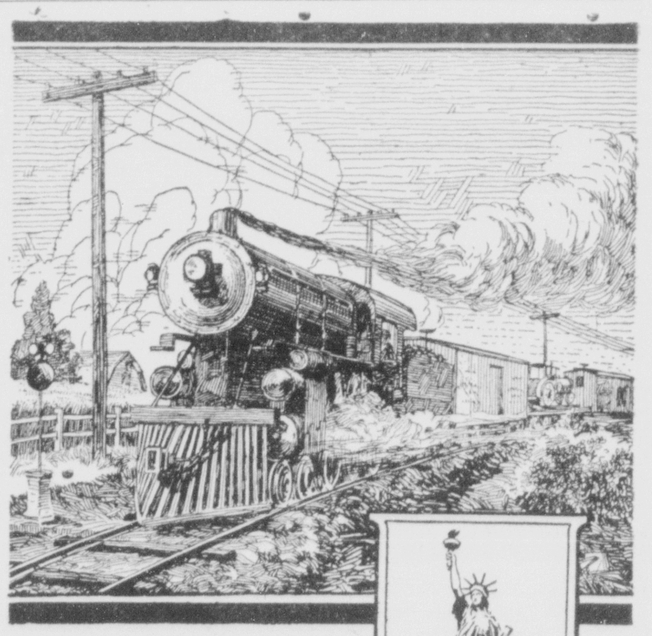
CUT THE HEDGES AND MAKE THE ROADS SAFE

The road law requires that hedge rows shall be cut to a height not exceeding five feet. Road overseers are directed to see that this work is done. The shortage of farm labor has prevented the owners of property on which objectionable hedges have been permitted to shade the road and obstruct the view from having them cut as required by law. There can be no excuse, however, for the failure of property owners to at least cut the hedges at road intersections and corners. Many accidents occur on the public roads of Missouri each year because the view is obstructed by the dense growth of hedge brush and the state highway department requests this paper to urge all road officials in our county to comply with the law.

HAS TEN SONS IN SERVICE.

Hartshorne, Okla., Aug. 10. — This city now claims the "honor mother" of the state. Mrs. Mollie Easley has ten sons in the army, the youngest having enlisted a few days ago.

Besides her sons, she has two brothers and two nephews in the service. They are all in army camps in the United States but expect soon to be "over there."



SPEED! More speed is essential to every business and industry because of the fewer persons available for labor. "An Hour More of Daylight" through the summer months will enable everyone to add to his or her personal efficiency. Speed up your business and your daily effort!

Save your money and deposit it in this Bank. Every cent you put to work here, helps make business better, helps to speed up industry and production in this community

Nodaway Valley Bank

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AFTER PROFITEERS

NATIONAL FOOD COMMISSION TO WAGE CAMPAIGN

TAKE DECISIVE ACTION

Fair Price Lists Everywhere Will Pave the Way For Criminal Prosecution If Found Necessary

Washington, Aug. 10. — A nation-wide drive against profiteering by retail food dealers, including Washington, is being arranged by the national food administration. State administrators, with their staffs, are being organized, but the local activities will be in charge of the local food administrators. The administration also is expected to control the retail prices of meat.

"Fair price" lists are to be established in every city in the country. All the force of public opinion is to be enlisted to compel retail dealers to keep within such figures, and this will be backed by such legal authority as the food administration may have.

These lists are to cover only staple foods at the start and probably only a selected list of these, such as sugar, wheat flour, bread, butter and butter substitutes, pork products, meats, eggs, cheese, beans, potatoes and fresh vegetables.

The lists will be prepared by "fair price" committees, selected locally, with the approval of the local food administrator, who will be chairman. They will have representatives from the wholesalers, "cash and carry" retailers, "charge and deliver" retailers, organized labor, consumers and of such other classes in the community as the food administrator may designate.

These committees will consider all elements entering into prices, especially cost of production and transportation and "overhead" in selling, and then will fix the "fair prices." They will either fix a single maximum price on a "cash and carry" basis, with definite allowances for delivery and for charge and collections, to be added to the announced price if the customers demand deliveries and charge accounts or they will fix a range, the lower price to represent a maximum for "cash and carry" stores and the higher maximum for the "charge and deliver" stores.

Arrangements will be made to have these price lists carried in the newspapers and to have food administration cards printed for posting in public places.

The food administration believes that as soon as the people are accustomed to these cards they will demand that their grocers use and adhere to them and that failure of any grocer to show a card will mean that his business will switch to the stores of the grocers who do adhere to the "fair price" lists.

But the food administration will not stop with this moral suasion. Until recently it could reach the retailers only through the wholesalers. The wholesalers are licensed by the administration. When any retailers violates the "fair price" list the local food administrator will notify the wholesalers that they must cease selling to this store.

If the wholesalers obey the retailer is cut off from further supplies and is put out of business. If the wholesalers continue to sell to the profiteering retailer the offending wholesaler will have his license revoked and will be himself put out of business, thus cutting off the retailer from further supplies and at the same time eliminating the unpatriotic wholesaler.

A still further club in the hands of the food administration is seen in the "fair price" list. There is now a law against profiteering on the books but it is difficult to establish just where profiteering begins and legitimate profit ends. The "fair price" list will establish such a basis, which the food administration believes the courts will accept.

And with these lists in effect the local administrators will round up retailers who charge unfairly high prices and drag them into court. The "fair price" list will be presented to the judge in contrast with the profiteer's exhorbitant charges and the food administration believes that it can obtain immediate convictions and limit penalties.

The food administration will be dependent to a great extent on the co-operation of the people in reporting violations.

INSPECT OIL FIELDS

Nodaway County Farmers Make Trip to Kansas Oil Fields.

H. J. Kelley and N. F. Hopper of Maryville, T. N. Kelley and S. A. Leech of Pickering made a trip over the oil fields of Eldorado, Butler County, Kansas in the interest of a large number of stockholders in Nodaway county of the Oklahoma Oil and Refining Company, and all except Mr. N. F. Hopper have returned. Mr. Hopper is making an extended trip through Oklahoma and Kansas. They are all very frank in their praise of that which they have seen.

The Oklahoma Oil and Refining Company has over 400 acres leased in Butler County and about 1500 acres leased in Oklahoma. They have 10 wells producing in Butler County and 10 in Oklahoma.

The above parties wish to report to the stockholders that they are well pleased with the Company's holdings which they have seen and feel the properties are being properly handled. They also wish to report that the Company is doing a great deal of development and that there is a great deal of activity in the Eldorado, Butler County field. Adv.

Caldwell Pasture Burned.

About fifty acres of good blue grass pasture on the John Caldwell farm south of Clearmont was destroyed Monday when a passing train set fire to it. The pasture, containing over 100 acres, had been rented by C. D. and E. F. Caldwell and they had just turned some of their Angus cattle on it a few hours before the fire was discovered. Several men fought the fire for two hours and extinguished it after about half the pasture was burned.—Burlington Junction Post.

Here From Conception.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Purcell of Conception spent the day in Maryville today visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Swinford and family.

ELECTRIC | NOW SHOWING | THEATRE

Our Motto: Fair Play, Quality, Service, Courtesy.

DICK DOSSON

—in—

"Cassidy"

a picture you will never forget. A story of the Underworld. We pick our Pictures. Also a boomerang frame-up, featuring an all-star Triangle comedy players.

At a call meeting of the First Baptist church July 28, 1918, it was deemed expedient that the membership be notified to assemble at the church Sunday, August 11, 1918, at 11:00 a. m. to consider disposition of present indebtedness, and call of a pastor.

All members should be present; don't forget it.

CHAS. HYSLOP, Church Clerk.

(Let's boost the Sunday School. Come at 9:30 if possible).

THE AVIATOR.

Oh, he is brother to the bird and brother to the cloud,
The stars have told him secrets and the wind has tried his skill,
From out the swirling mists which shield, the dark and night which shroud,
He swoops—the eagle-warrior—to swiftly strike—and kill!

Not thunder peal or lightning flame can swerve him from the goal,
And if death be the guerdon—he laughs into death's eyes,
For sky and sun and crystal air have entered in his soul,
This fighter on strange battlefields—this sentinel of skies!

Below—the smoke and blood and stench; above, the highway free,
Where death is not a matter of shot or shell or thrust;
For him who spreads an eagle's wing for winged victory,
Life goes out like a candle-flame upon a sudden gust.

His is the romance of the war. His are exultant days!
With foe and wind he throws the dice, and, be it gain or loss,
For us, for liberty he flies—and knows the price he pays,
One gallant, headlong, final flight—if death has won the toss!

—Faith Baldwin in the Vigilantes.

MORAL: USE THE TYPEWRITER

Only Sure Way of Avoiding Having One's Correspondence Handed Around to Be Deciphered.

One of the fellows came into the office, yesterday, and said to us:

"How are you on making out illegible handwriting?"

We answered, very precisely, that we could not make out illegible handwriting, but that we had had great success in making out handwriting that nobody else could read.

"Well," he said, ignoring our correction, "I wish you'd read a sentence in a letter I've got here. I've showed it to twenty people, and not one of them can read it. They can all read the rest of the letter, but this one sentence stumps everyone of them. It's the last sentence in the letter. Read the rest of it so that you can get on to the peculiarities of the writing and then tackle the last one."

We read the letter through, without much trouble, and then set to work on the difficult sentence. And in less than fifteen minutes we were able to announce that the puzzle was solved. We hate to boast, but the words that had stumped twenty people were not at all difficult for us. The sentence read:

"For God's sake don't let anybody else read this letter!"—Exchange.

DIDN'T HELP MATTERS MUCH

Old Lady's Explanation Rather Calculated to Increase Amount of Heat Under the Doctor's Collar.

An old lady, well known for her philanthropy, used to take a great interest in the various asylums. During a visit to one a certain old man roused her special compassion.

"How long have you been here?" she asked him in a sympathetic tone.

"Twelve years," was the reply.

After asking him a few more questions she passed on.

Turning to her guide she noticed a smile on his face. On asking him the reason, she heard, to her consternation, that the old man was no less than the medical superintendent. In great agitation she rushed back to make her apologies.

"I am so sorry, doctor," she said; "this has taught me a lesson. I'll never judge by appearances again."

It Joggled Just Right.

A friend of the poet Bryant chanced to be alone in his study when a cabinetmaker brought home a chair that had been altered. When Mr. Bryant returned he asked, "Miss Roberts, what did the man say about my chair?"

"He said," answered the visitor, "that the equilibrium is now admirably adjusted."

"What a fine fellow," said Mr. Bryant, laughing. "I never heard him talk like that! Were those his exact words?"

"Well, he said, 'it joggles just right!'" repeated Miss Roberts.—Christian Register.

An Example.

"Did you see in the papers the other day that story of the boy who had been wounded eight times in the trenches insisting on going back to the fight as soon as he had recovered?"

"Yes."

"What do you think of him?"

"I think he's the best reason in the world why I should not say that I had done enough simply because I bought first and second issue of Liberty bonds. If he can go back to the trenches, I'll keep going back to my bankroll as often as they call on me."

Oregon Timber for Antipodes.

An Australian syndicate is making arrangements for the rafting of 60,000 tons of Oregon timber to the Antipodes. The raft to be made up will be the largest in world history and will get to its destination, if plans work out satisfactorily, by the use of huge sails and supplementary efforts of the tug Diesel.

The Safe Course.

The Sire—You and your dog have upset everything in the house and I'm going to whip you for it.

The Son—That's right. Take it out on me 'cause you know if you licked the dog he'd bite yer

Sunday Services at Local Churches

First Methodist.

Gilbert S. Cox, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30.
Morning worship at 10:45.
Sermon by pastor; subject, "New Wine In Old Bottles."
Anthem by choir.
Solo, Mrs. Fred Harvey.
Epworth League at 7.
Evening worship at 8:00.
Subject of sermon, "Pisgah and the Promised Land."
Anthem by choir.
Duet, Mrs. F. P. Robinson and Mr. Cox.

First Christian.

C. Emerson Miller, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:30.
Morning worship at 10:45.
Sermon by pastor; subject, "The End That Counts."
There will be no evening services. The pastor will speak at the Skidmore chautauqua at this hour, taking for his subject, "The World's Contribution to Christianity."

First Presbyterian Church.

S. A. Coile, pastor.
Sunday School at 10 o'clock. C. E. Wells, superintendent.
There will be no other services during the day. The pastor is taking his annual vacation.
Christian Endeavor at 7.

First Baptist.

Sunday school at 9:30.
I. E. Tebow, superintendent.
B. Y. P. U. at 7:00.

South Methodist Church.

R. C. Holliday, pastor.
Sunday school at 10.
Morning worship at 11:00.
Sermon—"Nothing But Leaves."
Teachers' Training Class, 6:45.
Epworth League at 7.
Evening worship at 8:00.
Sermon—"The Fools of the Bible."

First Church of Christ Scientist.

206 South Main street.
Sunday school at 9:30.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Subject of lesson sermon, "Spirit."
No Sunday night service.
Midweek prayer service at eight o'clock Wednesday night.
Reading room has been changed to he church building on South Main treet. Open from 2 until 5 o'clock on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.
Every one welcome to the reading room and to all the services.

St. Patricks Church.

Father Henry F. Niemann, pastor.
High mass, 8 o'clock.
Low mass at 10 o'clock.
Evening devotions at 7:30.

St. Mary's Church.

Father Odillo Schieber, O. S. B. pastor.
Low mass, 8 o'clock.
Low mass, with hymns, 10 o'clock.
Evening worship at 7.

BEEF RESTRICTIONS OFF

It May Be Served Three Times a Day Now, Says the Food Administration

Washington, Aug. 10.—Restrictions on the consumption of beef in public eating places and the voluntary restrictions on householders were removed today by the food administration. The regulations rescinded by this action prohibited serving beef more than once a day in restaurants and hotels and limited domestic consumption to one and one-half pounds per person weekly. In suspending these regulations about one month earlier than it contemplated the food administration requests that the use of beef be restricted as far as practicable to cattle which dress under 475 pounds. Retailers are urged to purchase lighter cattle and the public is asked to patriotically accept it, although used to the heavier beef, so that the military forces and the Allies may have the heavier grades, which are required for export.

110 Entertainers Overseas.

General Pershing has officially detailed to the American Y. M. C. A. the entertaining of our soldiers in France. There are now 110 professionals giving vaudeville shows, concerts and entertainments overseas, often under shell fire.

Testaments for Soldiers.

Two million copies of the New Testament, vest pocket size, and in waterproof covers are being printed by the Y. M. C. A. for distribution in the army and navy. The edition for the navy is to be bound in blue and the one for the army in green.

To Visit at Ravenwood.

Miss Virginia Lawson left today for Ravenwood to spend the remainder of the month visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yeary.

Keep Up The Advertising In War Time

Charles N. Wheeler, London Correspondent of Chicago Tribune, Interviews Harry Gordon Selfridge of London's "Miracle Store."

LONDON, June 30.—"On Aug. 5, 1914, the day after war was declared, I increased our advertising space. From that day I have been buying all the advertising space available. I would do more advertising today if I could get the space.

"We are limited only by the limitations of the newspapers. We are taking right now every inch they will give us and at rates that would make us in the states turn somersaults and fall over backwards.

"I am paying at the rate of $1.00 per agate line for display space right now. I will take more space if they will give it to me—and at that rate. I probably will pay more before the war is over. But I will take all they will give.

"The first four months of this year have been the biggest four months in our history. This growth has come because we have FORCED it. At the beginning of this year we were the sixteenth largest house of the kind in the world. At the end of this year we will be the sixth. Within two years after the new store building is completed we will be first.

ADS SHATTER TRADITIONS.

"A big factor—a very big factor—in this record has been and will continue to be newspaper advertising. We never could have broken through these traditions over here without it. We had to use all we could to break down prejudices. We made people stop, look and listen. Then the store itself did the rest.

"We now talk to millions of people every day through our advertising columns, and they believe in us, trust us, respond to that advertising quickly and continue to be our customers in all kinds of weather. The large business enterprise that is not going the limit in advertising just now is making a huge mistake.

"Now, more than at any other time, it is necessary to push the display advertising. If retrenchments appear necessary they should be made in every other department but the publicity one—the newspaper advertising one. These prices they are soaking us now for space are simply awful — but I'll take more space if they will give it to me."

SOCIETY and CLUBLAND

By KATE SCHENCK

PHONES—OFFICE 42. HOME 683

Week-End Guests.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas and their guest, Miss Mary Schaaber of Reading, Pa., will go to St. Joseph this evening to spend Sunday and Monday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Oakford.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutz to Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mutz will give a dinner this evening, entertaining in honor of Mrs. W. R. Wells and her house guest, Mrs. I. W. Nixon of Hallsville, Mo.

Mrs. Beattie Gives Bridge.

Mrs. M. L. Beattie entertained a few guests at a bridge luncheon yesterday afternoon in compliment to Miss Mary Louise Shively of Evanston, Ill., and Miss Mary Schaaber of Reading, Pa., who are visiting in the city. The high score favor was won by Mrs. Will Symons.

Miss Moore Entertains for House Guest.

Miss Inez Moore entertained a few girl friends with a slumber party last night at her home on South Main street for the pleasure of her house guest, Miss Vera Long of Graham. Additional guests were Miss Margaret Remus, Miss Helen Curfman, Miss Florence Puckett and Miss Mary Ruth Curfman.

Willing Volunteers Do Good Work.

The Willing Volunteers Red Cross auxiliary of South Lincoln township was organized June 27 with seventeen members. From that time until August 1, the women have made 150 4x4 wipes, 350 2x2 wipes, 100 8x4 compresses, 10 triangular bandages, 30 many tailed bandages. At an ice cream social given by the auxiliary, $48.35 was cleared. The instructors are Mrs. Guy Shelton and Mrs. Joe Messbargar.

In Honor of Former Club Member.

Mrs. I. W. Nixon of Hallsville, Mo., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. R. Wells, was the honor guest of an embroidery tea given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Cooper Gooden at her home on East First street. The guests included the members of the I. X. L. club of which Mrs. Nixon was a member during her residence in Maryville. Those present were: Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. J. H. Eckles and her guest, Mrs. J. H. Pearce of Quincy, Ill., Mrs. S. H. Kemp, Mrs. E. Rathbun, Mrs. M. A. Peery, Mrs. J. T. Linville, Mrs. Ed Malvern, Mrs. R. Craven, Mrs. Anna Stauble, Mrs. Preston Seafers, Mrs. Ernest Welborn, Mrs. J. H. Bantz, Mrs. Walter Mutz, Mrs. Guy Mutz, Mrs. Jack Anderson. The afternoon was also given as a farewell courtesy to Mrs. Jack Anderson, one of the club members who leaves soon for Colorado to make her home.

In Honor of the Misses Mutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambrose gave a supper last night at their country home southeast of the city complimentary to Mrs. Ambrose's sisters, Misses Jessie and Jeanette Mutz of this city, who will leave the last of the month to take up their school work. Miss Jessie returns to Hanford, Cal., where she is head of the domestic science department and Miss Jeanette will teach at El Reno, Okla.

Party at Shrock Home.

A party was given at the home of Miss Bessie Shrock last night. A prize was given to the person who filled in the blanks nearest correct in a story on war. Those present were Misses Mary, Bertha and Rosa Wilmes, Bessie and Vera McDowell, Esther and Pearl Neal, Louise Horn, Bernice and Leola Shrock, Katy and Kitty Taylor, Lois, Lucile and Cecyl Wiley, Clara Heitman, Ray Taylor, Roy Neal, Herbert Gard, Harold and Harvey Dowden, Loring Horn, Lester Rice, Ralph Wray, Dean Partridge, Joe Heitman, Edwin Jones, Gilbert Neal, Cleo Trusty, Mr. and Mrs. John Shrock.

Mrs. Conley Entertains Club.

Mrs. Verlin Conley delightfully entertained the Merry Minglers club Thursday afternoon at her country home east of Maryville. She was assisted in entertaining by her cousin, Mrs. Anna Anderson and Mrs. J. M. Conley of Maryville. Those present were: Mrs. Thomas Fallon, Mrs. William Trullinger and daughter, Ervilla, and her niece, Alvenia Appleby, Mrs. Lewis Wilson, Mrs. A. Marsh and daughter, Edith, Mrs. A. B. Stein and daughter, Clara, Mrs. Henry Smock, and daughter, Clara, and nephew, Marion Dakan, Mrs. Marion Smith and three small daughters, Mrs. O. P. Fisher and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Fisher Mercer and small son, Mrs. H. J. Lind, Mrs. J. B. Johnston and her guest, Mrs. Sickler of Kingfisher, Okla. Miss Mina Armstrong, Miss Katherine Mercer; Miss Dora Day of Colfax, Ia., Miss Teresa Jaeger, Fred Armstrong, William Trullinger, Verlin Conley and J. B. Johnston. Mrs. Anna Anderson was received into club membership. A vote of thanks was extended to the Mt. Ayr Sunday School for a gift of $4.85 to be used by the club for Red Cross work. The next meting will be on August 22, with Mrs. A. Marsh and daughter.

Celebrates Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambrose, living southeast of the city, were pleasantly surprised last night by a party of their neighbors, who came to spend the evening in celebration of Mr. Ambrose's birthday. Dominoes was the diversion and the prize was won by Delbert Ambrose. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elva Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vickery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittsenbargar, Misses Jessie and Jeanette Mutz, Miss Lyda Ambrose, Miss Josephine Ault, Misses May and Etta Evans, Misses Corda and Neva Smith, Lyman Ault, Delbert Ambrose and Roy Evans.

To Move to Colorado.

Mrs. Jesse Paulette and daughter will leave the last of the month for Durango, Colo., where they will join Mr. Paulette and make their home. Mr. Paulette is a traveling salesman with headquarters at Durango.

Visiting In Council Bluffs.

The Misses Maud, Bertha and Leola Frede have gone to Council Bluffs, Ia., where they will visit friends for a time.

Away with DEADLY POISONS
RAT CORN
KILLS RATS, MICE AND GOPHERS
25c, 50c and $1.00 ALL DEALERS
FOR SALE BY
Maryville Drug Co., Maryville, Mo.

WANTED

MEN IN RAILROAD SERVICE.

The railroads are now under government control and are confronted with heavy and most exacting duties. Railroad officials, while realizing that labor is in urgent demand in all lines of production must point to the fact that if production is to be effective the railroads must be operated to their utmost capacity. In order to accomplish this, men are needed.

WHY NOT GET A RAILROAD JOB?

The C. B. & Q. Railroad pays good wages to firemen, brakemen, switchmen and car repairers and will pay you your expenses while learning. Would you like to know all about these good jobs?

A party of railroad officers will arrive at the Q depot 12:45 p. m. August 14, 1918, for the purpose of meeting all persons interested. They will tell you how you get one of these positions, how you are taught and get your expenses while a student and all about the work, pay, etc. Meet us and talk it over.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD CO.

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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dwellings, at $5,000, $5,000, $4,500, $1,600, $1,500 and $750; a nicely improved 7½-acre tract at only $5,300; two farms to trade for Maryville suburban, and a 20 to trade for Maryville residence. All worth the money and on good terms.
R. L. M'DOUGAL. 1-17

FOR SALE—Extra good work team, bays, four years old, weight over 3,000 lbs. Louis Gram, E. 1st St. Hanamo 5542. 8-tf

FOR SALE—20 h. p. Cushman engine at half price, hardly shows wear. W. W. Jones & Co. 8-10

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED

GOVERNMENT needs 29,000 clerks at Washington. Examinations everywhere in August. Experience unnecessary. Men and women desiring government positions write for free particulars to J. C. Leonard (former Civil Service Examiner), 47 Kenois Bldg., Washington. 3-12*

FOUND—War Savings Stamps. The owner may have by identifying same and paying for this ad. 9-11

ALL PARTIES knowing themselves indebted to me, kindly call and settle at once. Alma M. Nash, 319 West Thompson. 5-10

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Mrs. W. C. Johnston, 301 East Third street. Tel. Han. 3527. 3tf

WANTED—To rent permanently, or buy, property on the installment plan at once. Address or see me at 301 N. Market St. 10-13*

NOTICE—All property owners in District No. 9 must cut their weeds and hedges by Aug. 20. Fred Armstrong, overseer. 10-13*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—After Aug. 14, 5-room house on W. 3rd St. Phone Hanamo 707. 8-10

FOR RENT—Suite of office rooms over Kuchs Bros. store. Paul Sisson. 23-tf

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Grain Market Future.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Aug. 10.—CORN—September corn $1.58; October corn $1.60.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Aug. 10.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,000; no market.

HOGS—Receipts 1,000; top $19.20; bulk $18.50 @ $19.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Eggs, per doz. 30c
Cream, per lb. 43c
Hides, per lb. 13c
Hens, per lb. 25
Ducks, per lb. 12c
Geese, per lb. 10c
Old Roosters, per lb. 12c

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office

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When your radiators, tank, hood ,or fenders need repairing, take them to

E. W. HEIDEMAN
Opposite P. O., Maryville, Mo.

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A Pure Bred Percheron Stallion.

A dark steel gray, weight 1,970, fine style and action. $15 to insure living colt to stand and suck. Will make the season of 1918 at the barn of J. R. Dowden, three-fourths mile east of Myrtle Tree.
Farmers F1-15.

MARYVILLE HAD LARGEST CLASS

Prof. Holden Returns From Kirksville Where Agriculture Course Was Held

P. G. Holden arrived from Kirksville today where he held a short course in vitalized agriculture this week, to spend Sunday with his daughter, Miss Helen Holden, before returning to Chicago. Prof. Holden says forty-three teachers were enrolled for the course at the Kirksville normal and that great interest was manifested in the work. The Maryville district holds the record for the largest number of teachers taking the course, one hundred having taken the instruction here from Prof. Holden and his assistants.

A FRESHENING RAIN FALLS

Last Night's "Blow" Took On Proportions of Small Tornado

A break in the heat wave of the past week came last night when nearly an inch of rain fell, freshening up things. Nine-tenths of an inch was the total downfall. The rain was accompanied by a high wind which took on the proportions of a small tornado, but so far but little damage has been reported other than the breaking of trees and shrubbery. The high wind served to put out the light wires supplying the northwest part of the city out of commission for a time and that part of the town was in darkness. There is no indication in the weather forecast of additional moisture the weather man advising that umbrellas may safely be left at home, at least over Sunday.

REV. C. E. MILLER AT SKIDMORE

Christian Pastor to Address Chautauqua Tomorrow Night

The Rev. C. Emerson Miller, pastor of the First Chistian church, will speak at the Skidmore chautauqua tomorrow evening. His subject will be "The War's Contribution to Christianity."

The Skidmore chautauqua opened Sunday.

Telephone Operator On Vacation.

Miss Dale Skinner, operator for the Mutual telephone exchange, started today for a vacation trip which will include visits with relatives in St. Joseph and Elmo.

Return From Red Oak.

Mrs. Katherine Woods and daughter, Eathel, have returned from a several weeks visit with relatives at Red Oak, Iowa.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Anderson Boys Report for Duty.

Gus and Albin Anderson, who have been spending a week's furlough with relatives at Ravenwood, left yesterday afternoon for New York to report for duty. Both young men are classed as firemen on the transport Von Steuben.

Iowa Visitors Here.

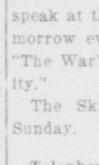
Mrs. T. J. Kennedy and daughter, Ilene, of North England, Iowa, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Middleton.

Smokes for Our Sammies.

To keep our Sammies in smokes the American Y. M. C. A. canteens in France must be supplied with 200,000,000 cigarettes and 4,500,000 cigars monthly.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

CHICHESTER S PILLS



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PROTECT AND BRIGHTEN UP THE HOME.

Call Strong and Daniels for Painting and Modern Interior Decorating.

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FOR CANNING

$1.50 per bu.

The Engelmann Greenhouses
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CALDWELL MOTOR COMPANY
Clearmont, Mo.

Agency for Maxwell cars and trucks in Nodaway County. We have plenty of cars and can make delivery at any time.

The Scrap Book

DIDN'T REALLY SAY MUCH—

For Some Reason Man's Remark Was Sufficient to Shoo the Dove of Peace From Its Perch.

A man we know came in to see another man we know and to call him down.

"Look here," he said, "do you remember that I introduced you to Miss Blank and Miss Dash at Mr. Space's house, the other evening?"

"Yes, of course I do. Nice girls. Why?"

"That's what I want to know. What did you say that insulted them?"

"Me? Insult them? What makes you think I did?"

"Well, you made some kind of a fool break. They won't speak to each other, and they both hate you."

"Why, I don't understand it at all. What could I have said to make them hate each other and me, too? It's nonsense. Why, I hardly conversed with them at all. The only thing I can remember saying is that I thought they looked a great deal alike."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

AFTER THINKING IT OVER

Wife Had Decided, In View of Scientific Advancement, Hubby Might Go to the Front.

"I am going to enlist," he announced, without preface, "in some unit that is going to the front immediately!"

"But your wife," we began. He interrupted us.

"Bah! My wife! She wants me to go. I hope I get killed! My wife has insulted me and—"

"Tell us about it."

"Listen. Last night I was reading to her from the paper about the wonders of plastic surgery during this war. I read to her about how the surgeons are actually giving wounded men new faces."

"Yes—and what did she say?"

"She didn't say anything, but about an hour later I noticed her looking intently at me. I asked her what was the matter, and she said she had been thinking it over, and if I wanted to join the army she would withdraw her objections!"

Grand Scheme.

A downtown music store is advertising a popular song by means of a sort of tableau window display. There is a phonograph, a bed, and a baby doll saying her prayers at the bedside. A little girl (Ignatz reports it) was looking interestedly at the window. Finally she turned to her mother and said:

"Mamma, why wouldn't that be a good idea for me?"

"Why wouldn't what be a good idea?" asked the mother.

"Why to put my prayers on a record and have the machine play 'em every night before I go to bed!"

The Charitable Lover.

"I should like to speak to you on an important matter, sir," said the suitor.

"Well, well—what is it?" growled the father of the girl, in no encouraging tones.

"I—I want to marry your daughter, sir!"

"What—WHAT?" The old man's face grew purple, and he sputtered in wrath. "Marry my daughter? I am astonished—I am—what on earth do you mean, sir? You—"

"Now, now," soothed the youth. "Don't talk that way. You are prejudiced against the girl—she's all right, really!"

What She Would Do to Him!

Inspired by the feats of marksmanship by a woman the other day, Camp Meade men are planning similar feats on the range here and on the French front soon. Their inspiration was Annie Oakley, for many years with Buffalo Bill. In an exhibition recently she shot the ashes off a cigarette in a man's mouth and explained that some years ago, when she was in Berlin and performed the same trick, the crown prince offered to stand up with his cigarette and let her try her skill. "Oh, how I wish he would let me try it now!" she said.—Washington Times.

Arab Didn't Need Help.

An Arab's strength was strikingly shown the other day. A battalion in Egypt had heard that some well-wisher had given them a piano, and accordingly sent a corporal, four men, a limber, two drivers and four mules to bring it to headquarters. On their way they met an Arab, carrying the instrument on his back.

Enduring.

"Did any of your ancestors do anything to cause posterity to remember them?" asked the haughty woman.

"I reckon they did," replied the old farmer. "My grandfather put a mortgage on this place that ain't paid off yit."

Good Riddance.

He—If we should elope would your father pursue us?

She—No; I think he would move so we couldn't find him when we got ready to go back.—Boston Evening Transcript.

ALLIES HAVE THE GERMANS GOING

(Continued from page 1.)

a German lieutenant, who was later killed, to his father, the writer's experience in the Chateau Thierry sector.

"The Americans were attacking on the entire line. Never have I seen such a thing. Nobody could have withstood them," the lieutenant wrote.

The letter further described the enemy fire as terrible.

In closing, the letter said:

"Summing it all up, I think we have underestimated Foch and his reserves and especially the Americans. I have a presentiment I shall lose my skin also. I wish it were tomorrow."

London, Aug. 10.—The present Allied line runs through the district east of Marlancourt to Proyart, Raincourt, Warvillors, Beaufert, Folis Hanges and east of Piercant. Hangest and Contoire are now held by the French as well as the ground east of Pierchont. Montdidier, according to last advices this afternoon, has been completely taken by the Allies, the Germans having been driven to the heights adjoining the town.

FINE, FIRM AND FERTILE

Should Be the Condition of the Wheat Seedbed to Insure Maximum Yields.

A fine, firm, fertile early prepared seedbed insures the largest crop of best quality wheat. When wheat follows oats, barley or other early harvested crop, plow the land from 4 to 8 inches deep as soon as the preceding crop is removed and work down each half day's plowing before leaving the field. Harrow or disk the field after every rain or as often as crust forms, until seeding time to kill weeds and to retain the soil moisture.

Ideal seedbed preparation consists in disking, plowing, again disking and harrowing. Up-to-date farmers are following this system especially when there is considerable organic matter to be plowed under. Always cut up coarse material before turning it in the furrow, otherwise it interrupts the movement of moisture upward, making an air space which allows drying out. By plowing early and maintaining a soil mulch, moisture is retained which favors quick germination. From one to several weeks will be gained in the sprouting and growth by a thorough soil preparation. The Kansas experiment station found a gain of as much as 21 bushels of wheat when grown on land plowed 7 inches deep July 15 and then kept well worked until seeding time, over land that was plowed the same depth September 15.

COMPLETE FERTILIZER WINS ACRE PROFIT TEST

The Michigan Experiment Station Reports That All Fertilizers Paid a Profit When Used on Wheat.

According to the 1917 report of the Michigan state board of agriculture, complete fertilizer used on wheat in a corn, wheat, clover rotation increased the crop 13 bushels per acre. The experiment station officials calculate that at old prices for both fertilizer and crops the profit for the use of fertilizer was $13.51 per acre.

When phosphoric acid and potash were used the gain over and above the cost of fertilizer was $12.79—this in spite of the fact that a heavy clover sod was turned under once in three years. Acid phosphate alone produced a net gain of $8.61.

The conclusions are as follows: "It should be noted that all fertilizers have been used with good profits. The conclusion would seem to be warranted that on farms of similar soil types the use of fertilizer should prove profitable, provided, of course, there are no other factors, such as lack of drainage and improper culture, that seriously limit production, and that the use of a complete fertilizer should pay best in case a limited amount of manure is available, while on well-stocked farms phosphorus and potash could probably be used more profitably."

WHEAT A HARD DRINKER

Every pound of wheat requires an average of 450 to 500 pounds of water to carry it from planting to maturity. Early plowing and frequent working of the seedbed helps to retain soil moisture. A light harrowing or disking early in the spring cultivates the wheat and forms a soil mulch that prevents the escape of winter rains so needed by the wheat when filling and ripening. Experiment stations have found that wheat, well supplied with available plant food or growing on rich soils, can produce a bigger crop with less moisture than it can on a poor soil or on one not well supplied with available plant food. Wheat on rich soils continues to grow even if the supply of moisture is scanty. Supplying available plant food to wheat enables it to produce larger yields on the same amount of water. This is especially important when the rainfall is below normal.

Organic matter holds water like a sponge and releases it to the wheat for germination.

OLDEST LOVE LETTER FOUND

Modern Scientist Declares It to Have Been Written About the Time of Abraham.

The oldest love letter in the world has been found—and read by eyes for which it never was intended. Dr. Stephen Herbert Langdon, Museum of Art and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, was the man to find this billet doux, written on a tablet of clay about the time of Abraham. He also has brought to life what is said to be the oldest map in existence, drawn about 1500 B. C. or another tablet of clay.

Here is the letter, which, sad to relate, is partly selfish:

"To Kaka and Mirsilia say:

"Thus saith Sin-magir.

"May the Sun-dog give you good health.

"How is this business?

"For a whole month you have not sent anybody to ask about my welfare.

"Now I direct Shamashepiri unto you.

"Send me 30 pints of barley meal and ten pints of bean flour.

"I am in trouble.

"Give quickly.

"What you send deduct from your tithes.

"As to the rest, send it according to future instructions."

Evidently the writer was fond of both Kaka and Mirsilia, two sisters. Although the letter could scarcely be called affectionate, as the present generation understands the word, its translator assures us that it is a bona fide cross-your-heart love letter.

The map found by Doctor Langdon was of Babylonian origin and indicates a supposedly suburban district joined together by canals.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

NO TRUTH IN TRADITION

Old Legend of the Drowning of Princess in Petrograd Fortress Proved to Be Without Foundation.

The fortress of SS. Peter and Paul, in Petrograd, has an evil reputation as the former place of imprisonment of many of Russia's idealists, including Prince Kropotkin and Madame Breshkovsky; but one blot on its 'scutcheon is removed by an illustrated article in the London Sphere. The article reproduces a painting by the Russian artist Flavitsky, showing a beautiful woman standing on her bed in a cell in this prison, seeking to escape the rising waters of a flood that threatens her life. This was the Princess Tarakanova, who had incurred the enmity of Catherine the Great. The tradition is that she was drowned, by order of the empress, during the inundation of 1777. The Sphere, however, shows that she died of tuberculosis two years before the flood swept through the fortress. Thus this gloomy prison and the great empress are relieved of one of the tragedies with which they have been associated.—The Outlook.

In Praise of Music.

Music adds nothing but good; subtracts the evil; multiplies that which we already have; discounts our ailments and compounds all of our interest. If you believe this is true, "push" music. Aid the choir, choral and orchestral societies. Sympathize with and in every way support public school music.

A foreign traveler in our country said he was deeply impressed with our silences. He heard no reapers singing in the field, he heard many a bird carol, but no human songs. That reminds me of the old saying: "Blessed is the man who sings at his work." Take an interest in creating a musical atmosphere in the home, and soon America will be singing and we shall be able to take in music not only by the small channel of the ear, but through every pore of our bodies straight to the root of our souls.—The Musician.

Hint to Mothers.

Let us never be like the mother who said her boy was not interested in anything. For the boy's teacher when she called noticed that he had a box which he seemed to take care of, and it was not long before she learned that it was a collection of caterpillars. Yet the mother said that her boy was interested in nothing. The teacher at once showed her pupil that she, too, was interested in his collection. She learned from the boy a great many things about caterpillars that she did not know, and in turn taught him things he did not know. Teacher and boy became great friends; through this common interest others sprang up and the boy changed from a sullen inattentive boy to a broad-minded, wide-awake man. If the mother could only have shared her boy's interest, how much more helpful they would have been to each other.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Practice Handwriting.

For years business people have depended on the typewriting machine for their letters, and have neglected their handwriting. The dearth of machines is now being generally felt, especially in commercial houses, and once more it has become necessary to be able to write clearly and legibly. For the first time the other day the head of a big business firm took the trouble to get specimens of the handwriting of his staff of female clerks. There were scarcely six who could write a really good hand. "People won't take the time to read a business letter unless it is legibly written," was his querulous comment.

Community Fairs Spell Co-Operation

Competition Encourages Bigger and Better Crops

Farmers and Their Families Cooperate With Neighbors In Exhibiting the Best Home Grown Products and Live Stock In the Community —Games and Pageants Bring the People Together

John Jones's basket of potatoes takes the blue ribbon at the fair, and immediately every farmer in the community secretly plans to take that prize away from Jones next year. And Jones, seeing Jim Brown's winning corn, resolves that next time he will add that premium to his other trophies.

And so on down the line of all exhibits, the community fair fosters the spirit of friendly rivalry. It calls not only for the exhibition of the best products that have been grown and the best work that has been done, but it includes as well games, athletic contests, pageants and other features which bring the men and women and the boys and girls together for wholesome recreation.

The first step toward holding a community fair is to interest the leaders of the community the second is to call a meeting of the whole community to elect officers and appoint committees to have charge of the work. The fair should be well advertised, and effort should be made to secure exhibits from as many persons as possible, rather than to secure exhibits of exceptional quality. For premiums ribbons are usually awarded rather than cash payments. As most of the preparation for the fair is made by volunteer workers, the small amount of money required for incidental expenses can be raised by subscription or by the sale of advertising space in the catalogue or on the program. There should be no entry fees or admission charge.

Grouping the Exhibits.

While it is to be expected that the exhibits at a community fair will receive special attention for the purpose of exhibition, nevertheless they should represent as nearly as possible the normal production of the community, for one of the purposes of holding a community fair is to stimulate a desire to increase the quantity and to improve the quality of the average product. Freak exhibits of all kinds are to be avoided.

Personal solicitation has been found to be the most effective means of inducing people to make exhibits. Each exhibitor should realize that he is in competition only with other members of the community and that it will not be possible for some stranger to take all the prizes.

Satisfactory results are usually obtained in community fairs by grouping certain classes of exhibits. Thus, in the live stock department, horses, cattle, swine, poultry, and pets are exhibits. In the farm products department are shown different varieties of grains, and seeds, grasses and forage crops, field beans and peas, peanuts and potatoes, together with dairy products and bee products. The orchard and garden department includes such exhibits as fruits and vegetables, ornamental shrubbery, and flowers.

The woman's work and fine arts department includes prepared foods, canned goods, jellies, preserves and pickles and all kinds of needlework, together with such exhibits as paintings, metal work, raffia and reed basket work, pottery, painted china, and handmade jewelry.

The school and club department includes all exhibits from organizations in the community which wish to bring the results of their work before the community in this way.

The historical relics department includes firearms, swords, caps, and other war relics, old looms, spinning wheels, and articles produced on them, old pictures, drawings, documents, Indian relics, family relics, geological specimens and objects of interest from other lands.

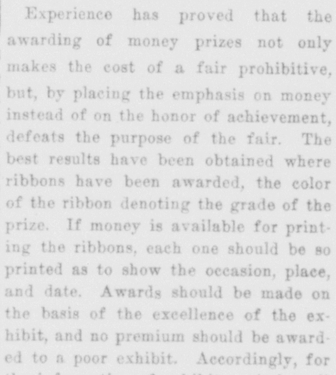
Ribbons for Prizes.

Experience has proved that the awarding of money prizes not only makes the cost of a fair prohibitive, but, by placing the emphasis on money instead of on the honor of achievement, defeats the purpose of the fair. The best results have been obtained where ribbons have been awarded, the color of the ribbon denoting the grade of the prize. If money is available for printing the ribbons, each one should be so printed as to show the occasion, place, and date. Awards should be made on the basis of the excellence of the exhibit, and no premium should be awarded to a poor exhibit. Accordingly, for the information of exhibitors, it is well to publish for each class of exhibits the requirements that are to be considered by the judges in awarding premiums.

The managements of county fairs are beginning to realize the value of the community exhibit as a factor in making the county fair serve its purpose as an agricultural exhibition. Liberal premiums have been offered for these community exhibits, either in cash or in such form as to be of community use, as, for example, reference books on agricultural subjects to be kept in the community library, a watering trough conveniently located, or a drinking fountain. One state has recently passed a law providing for the holding of community fairs and appropriating money for the purpose of packing community exhibits and transporting them to the larger fairs.

Move to Clearmont.

Charles Thorp of this city moved his family to Clearmont this week and they are located in a house which Mr. Thorp has recently purchased of Howard Garrett.

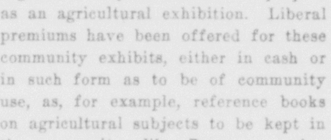


U. S. Food Administration.

'Sides savin' fats en wheat, we got ter save sugar. De bes' way ter save sugar is ter use syrups en honey.

A nice li'l pitcher full er 'lasses convoyed by a fleet er buckwheat cakes is one er de bes' ways to "get crost" wid de sugar projick,—en it saves wheat flour too.

WATCH YOUR EYESIGHT



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